RIPPER BILL IS PASSED IN SENATE

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political house again from the top and when this comes about we may expect to see him standing up here and championing a bill to abolish the office of recorder so as to make of the chief executive of second class cities a burgomaster. It all goes to show how far some people will carry their political

Tilt with Washburn.

Senator Washburn at this juncture declared that those who favored the bill would that it should be constitutional and for that reason favored the clause abolishing the office of mayor. "It is not a constitutional question at all." said Senator Flinn, "but as the gentleman seems to want to ease his conscience, I will not go into that mat-

ter any farther." The gentleman from Allegheny need not trouble himself about my science," sharply retorted Mr. Washburn. "If his conscience is as easy as mine he would no doubt be a happier

Senator Weller, insurgent, of Bedford, and Senator Flinn in turn pointed out technical points in the bill and Senator Flinn made a lengthy speech agaist the principle of the "Ripper" clause in which he took occasion to defend the government of Pittsburg and relate in detail what has been accomplished there during the past decade in the way of permanent improvements. In con-"I have no regrets for any part I have taken in politics, I am a free American and essayed to act like one. I am not pleading for mercy, but I had hoped that I would yet be in harmony with my party; that the factional book would be closed by that recent act which should have closed it: but that hope, it seems, must be given up. The small men who always come to the front in such cases have blasted

Colloquy with Focht.

In answer to an attack by Senator Weller on the justice of the bill, Senafor Focht, stalwart, of Union, made a speech in justification of the "Ripduring the course of which he read a letter from a man in Pittsburg describing "ring rule" in that city, and winding up with a bitter denunciation of the "tyrannical boss ring." Senator Film asked Senator Focht to state whom he was alluding to when he referred to the "tyrannical

boss." "I will be perfectly frank with you," replied Senator Focht. "I understand it is yourself."

'Oh, that's what I expected to It is rather strange, though, to hear the senator from Union talking this way in view of the fact that he did not know last night how he, was going to vote on this bill."

Mr. Focht vehemently denied the imputation. There were other exchanges along the same lines, and some racy sallies were about due when the lieutenant-governor interfered by calling both senators to order.

The vote on the final passage of the bill, 28 to 18, was the division main-tained on each of the roll calls on emendments and other preceding oc-

The Vote Analyzed.

Senator Sproul's defection is explained on the ground of close personal friendship for Senator Magee. Vaughan's refusal to stanwith the Stalwarts, even in the face of the fact that the influences which secured the Scranton concessions tried prevail upon him that he was jeopardizing Scranton's interests, is causing no end of comment. Senator Vaughan defends his defection with the argument that he had committed himself against the "Ripper" and could not consistently vote for it. Representatives Scheuer, James and Reynolds are said to be disposed to for the bill, as a matter of expediency, although the "Ripper" clause may be distasteful to them. Representative Philbin's position is yet to be determined.

The three rather severe jolts which the Quayites received in the house yesterday and today on the fee bill, the Hall adjournment resolution and Grady repealer, show that the Democrats and insurgents have their men well in hand and this, coupled with the fact that there are persistent rumors of an anti-"Ripper" barrel being on tap, is causing the stalwart leaders to concern themselves considerably about the regulars who are threatening to refuse to stand by the

Representative Philbin today voted for the Cooper amendments to the Grady libel bill, which assisted in giving one of the joits above referred to. Representatives Scheuer and James voted with the regulars, Representative Reynolds was temperarily absent and was not allowed to record his vote when he returned, just before the vote was announced. -T. J. Duffy.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REPORTED

Scheuer to Divide the Anthracite Coal District-Judge Arch-

bald's Bill.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg. Feb. 13 .- The bill providing that counties in the second class may appropriate money for the com-memoration of Fourth of July and from committee by Representative

Reynolds. Mr. Larrabee, of Schuylkill, introduced a bill in the house this morning providing that the anthracite coal region be divided into sixteen districts instead of eight, as at present, the districts to be designated by the chief the salaries of the inspectors at \$2,600,

instead of \$3,000, as at present. Representative Hutt, of Philadelphia. introduced a bill providing that street railway companies in cities of the first and second classes shall be required to give transfers from any of their lines to any other lines operated by to guarantee a continuous ride within the city limits for one fare, and providing further that the companies shall run sufficient cars between the hours of 6.30 and 8.30 a. m. and 5 and 7 p. m. to accommodate all passengers, and that any passenger who does not secure a seat need not pay fare, providing the company runs cars at less than three minutes. A penalty of not more than \$100 and not less than \$50 is

rovided for each infraction.

Cooper, of Delaware, and provides that partment in criminal prosecutions there shall be for the present. provided for each infraction.

Weaver authorizes school boards to give the use of school houses for lyceum and other literary purposes. A proposed amendment to the con-stitution, drafted by Judge Archbald and introduced by ex-State Treasurer Beacom, representative from West-moreland, provides that the Orphans' court judges shall also be the judges of equity court, in all counties except Philadelphia, and that the common pleas judges be relieved of the duties

of equity court. The prothonotary is to be the clerk of the equity court. Mr. Beacom also introduced another of Judge Archbald's bills, which provides that the court shall appoint the jury commissioners. The appointees are to be two in number, just as at present, and they shall be members of opposite political parties. The act is to take effect January 1, 1904. For each writ of venire a commissioner is to receive \$2.50, and for filling the jury wheel he is to be paid \$15 for each 100 names or major fraction thereof which the court shall direct are to go into he box. Provision is made for a clerk, who is to receive \$2.50 a day for not more than fifty days. T. J. Duffy.

"RIPPER BILL" PASSED.

Mr. Focht and Mr. Flinn Indulge in

Personalities. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Feb. 13 .- The senate today passed finally the so-called "rip-per" bill which provides a new charter or cities of the second class, but not before the senate was enlivened by a spirited debate on the measure. The vote was 28 to 18.

The bill was reported from the committee on municipal affairs today by Mr. Muchibronner, of Allegheny, with the amendments proposed by the Scranton delegation. Before the measure was sent back to committee yesterday, however, it had been read a second time, and it was called up today by Mr. Muchlbroner for third reading and final passage as soon as the calendar had been cleared of business. Several points of order were raised against it but they were all decided to be not well taken. Mr. Flinn, of Allegheny, made one point of order that it was not on the calendar. After the bill had been read at length, Mr. Flinn offered an amendment striking out the provision abolishing the office of mayor, but it was defeated by a vote of 18 to 28 and scaled the fate of the opposition to the measure in advance. The vote was as follows:

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Berkelbach.	Matson,
Boyd,	Muchlbronner

Scott. Focht, Snyder. Stineman, Gransback. stober. Haines, Hardenbergh Washburn. Heidelbaugh. Williams. Higgins, Noods 28.

Mr. Flinn, in supporting his amendment, said the bill was a most remarkable one, and he mildly reproved Senator Muchlbronner's attitude on the bill. After his amendment had been defeated, Mr. Flinn discussed the bill by sections and pointed out that many just. He referred to the so-called "ripper" clause as the "meat," the "julcy fruit" of the bill.

The whole bill, he said, was a monstrosity and absolutely unnecessary. Pittsburg is a well-governed city, he continued, and its only purpose was to allow certain politicians to reach the top through an upper window, instead of beginning at the bottom. He was not pleading for mercy, but he had hoped the book of factionalism would be closed and that the party would become reunited, but he found that was now impossible.

Mr. Focht Becomes Personal.

Mr. Weller, of Redford, and Mr. Focht, of Union, followed Mr. Flinn, The senator from Union severely arraigned those who were responsible for the alleged irregularities in the municipal government of Pittsburg, and he argued that the purpose of the bill was to relieve the city of a tyrannical boss.

Mr. Flinn asked him whom he meant, to which Mr. Focht replied: "I will be perfectly frank; I understand it is yourself. Mr. Flinn: "That's what I expected

to hear. The actions of the senator from Union are rather strange, in view of the fact that he did not know last night how he would vote today." Mr. Focht replied he always knew

how he was going to vote, and resented the remarks of the senator from Alle-Mr. Flinn's answer was that he could not youch for the story, but it was being told all around in the hotel cor-

ridors. He then launched into a passionate defense of himself, and pre-dicted that Mr. Focht would never reach the position of a boss. He bimself had reached political leadership ong before he expected to, and characterized the actions of the senator from Union in bringing personalities into the debate as unfair and unmanly and he ought to be ashamed of himself in view of his position last night.

At this point Mr. Foeht jumped up and started to vehemently deny the implication. The lieutenant governor, however, interposed and called both

senators to order. After Senator Heinle, of Centre; Memorial day was favorably reported Emery, of Mercer, and Mr. Flinn had By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. further discussed the bill the vote on final passage was taken, and it was passed 28 to 18. The vote was the same as that on the amendment of Mr.

The only absentees were Senators the bureau of mines, and fixing who are iil. The bill now goes to the house.

Among the bills introduced in the senate today was one accepting the donation of money from Andrew Carnegie for a library building for use of State college. Mr. Carnegie devotes \$100,000 for the library on condition | Marshall and the members of the govthat the state appropriates \$10,000 annually for its maintenance.

The senate adjourned until 11 a. m. tomorrow

Mr. Cooper's New Libel Bill. In the house today a new libel bill

was substituted for the senate bill repealing the libel act of 1897. A concurrent resolution was adopted fixing April 25 for final adjournment. The libel bill was drafted by Mr.

no conviction where it is shown that the publication was not maliciously and negligently made. In civil pro-ceeding the plea of justification shall be adequate when the defendant pleads that the publication is substantially true; that there shall be no right to enter a plea of justification where the words are directly against private character, and in no case can prosecution be brought in more than on

county. When the senate bill was called up for second reading, Mr. Cooper moved to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting his

proposition. Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, raised the point of order that the amendment could not be attached to a repealer. An exciting debate ensued after which Speaker Marshall decided the point not well taken.

The amendment was then adopted by a vote of 89 to 84, and further consideration of the bill was postponed. Mr. Cooper said the bill was satisfactory to the executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Editorial association.

The resolution fixing the date of final adjournment was offered last last Wednesday by Mr. Hall, of Allegheny, and was called up today as a privileged question. Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, moved that

it be referred to the rules committee.

The motion was defeated by a vote of

82 to 99. The resolution goes to the enate for conference. An Anti-Trust Bill.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Palm. of Crawford, which prohibits the formation of trusts and syndicates, and provides that where it is proved in court that any company or corporation chartered in this state has formed such a combination their charter shall be declared null and void. A bill was introduced by Mr. Garvin, of Adams, which fixes the rabbit season from November 1 to December 15 and the squirrel season from October 1 to Deember 15.

These bills were also read in place: Mr. Castner, of Lycoming-Fixing the pay of election officers at \$3.50 for the first 200 votes polled and sixty cents for each additional one hundred votes or fraction thereof. does not apply to Philadelphia nor alter or affect in any manner the compensation of return judges fixed by existing laws.

Mr. Weaver, of Lancaster-Authorizing school boards to grant school houses for lyceum and other literary Mr. Beacom, of Westmoreland-Pro-

viding that jury commissioners shall be appointed by judges for three years and empowering them to employ a clerk at a salary of \$2.50 a day for each day actually employed. The commissioners shall be paid \$2.50 a day and six cents mileage for executing each writ of venire and \$15 for each hundred names ordered by the court in filling or re-filling the jury wheel and for any fraction of one hundred amounting to fifty names or upwards. Mr. Hoch, of Berks-Providing that the public school appropriation shall become due Sept. 1 of each year and directing the superintendent of public instruction to prepare the warrants for the pay of the districts on or before the first day of August and December and the state treasurer to pay the warrants before the first day

of September and December. Mr. Orr, of Philadelphia-Providing for the appointment of trustees, who shall serve without compensation, to supervise the expenditure of funds appropriated by the state to charitable institutions or to institutions supported wholly or in part by the commonfeatures of the measure were incom-plete, and some parts of it were un-expended for the purposes for which

the appropriation is made. The house will meet tomorrow morn-

ing at 10 o'clock. NEW OLEO BILL.

Is Introduced in the Senate by Mr. Snyder. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Feb. 13.-The senate committee on health and sanitation fights at Saengerfest hall, but not tonight considered oleomargarine legislation, which resulted in the commit- which is named in the permit of tee deciding to substitute for the bill Mayor Fleischmann. In this event, already introduced a more radical radical action is expected from the neasure against the illegal sale of governor, as the promoters would then

that commodity. that suit can be brought against violators of the law by any person in the name of the commonwealth. Onehalf of the penalty shall go to the prosecuter and the remainder to the state. Violation of the law is made misdemeanor punishable by fine of from \$100 to \$300 and not more than thirty days' imprisonment for the first offense and not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 fine and imprisonment not exceeding two years for the second of-

Temperary injunctions shall be is stied against dealers in oleo where cases brought against them have been appealed by the defendant and, if found that he is still violating the law, the injunction shall become permanent upon the successful determination of the case in court.

The dairy and food commissioner and his agents are empowered to enter places of business and take sample. of oleo.

License fees are provided for in the same manner as they are provided for in the existing law. The bill also prolifblis the sale of oleo from wagons and from house to house; requires dealers to display signs and provides that all oleo shall be properly marked.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.

First Social Function of the Winter at the Executive Mansion.

Harrisburg. Feb. 13.-Governor and Mrs. Stone tonight gave the first of their official receptions for the winter at the executive mansion, the gues's of the occasion being the members of the senate and house of representa-Kemerer, of Northampton: Magee, of tives, the heads of the state depart-Allegheny, and Martin of Philadelphia, ments and the attaches of the legislature and of the departments on capitol hill.

The chief executive and his wife were assisted in receiving by Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Gobin, Prestdent Pro Tem. of the Senate and Mrs. Snyder, Speaker Marshall and Mrs. ernor's cabinet and their wives. reception was a brilliant one, and the mansion was decorated with flowers, paims and tropical plants in a manner that was exceedinly tasteful.

Report on Mining Bill. Harrisburg, Feb. 13.-The house committee of

ones and mining today decided to report favor ably to the house the bill increasing the num-ber of anthracite wine inspectors from eight to sixteen. Action on the bill creating a

TROOPS READY FOR CINCINNATI

Second and Sixth Regiments Have Been Selected to Visit Scene of the Jeffries-Ruhlin Fight.

AWAITING THE DECISION

The Eighth Ohio, Which Served in the Spanish-American War, Also Under Arms-Prospects for a ions of Sporting Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Kenton, O., Feb. 13.-Company One, of this city, is in readiness to go to Cincinnati. Arrangements for transportation have been completed. The Second and Sixth are the regiments selected and they will go as soon as the decision of Judge Hollister is made. The regiment will mobilize at Lima. The Eighth Ohio, of Bucyrus, which is also under arms and ready to go to

Cincinnati at once. Cincinnati, Feb. 13.-Present indications are that the Jeffries-Ruhlin boxing contest will not take place at Saengerfest hall next Friday night. There is now as much doubt about the time and place as about the decision of Judge Hollister.

Sporting editors from all over the intry arrived today and besieged the offices and quarters of Managers Brady, Madden, Cook and others, who told them that they could not advise them as to anything until tomorrow afternoon. As soon as Judge Hollister shall render his decision the managers will hold a conference with the directors of the Saengerfest Athletic assoclation and decide upon their plans for the future. They promise to make a statement for the public as soon as ossible in the afternoon.

In the absence of definite information today the local and visiting sporting editors, together with the managers and promoters, held a sort of meeting of expostulation during the afternoon. The gereal opinion was that bad lights was ad odor, espethe time had cially in Ohlo, a come for a real of the "manly art" in such a manuer as to avoid conflicts with the law and at the same time attract ladies as well as gentlemen. The newspaper men held mat the pugilistic department in their line would be dropped from the papers unless something was done. The discussion became general over the proposition for a new name for such events. It was claimed that the terms "glove contests," "boxing contests," "sparring matches," etc., were too tame to attract crowds. It was the universal pinion that the old name, "prize fights," must go if such events are to be pulled off at places where they can be made most profitable.

Will Abide by Decision.

it is conceded if Judge Hollister grants the application for a permanent injunction the contests will be postponed for some weeks, so as to give time to carry the case through the circuit court and thence to the Supreme court for final settlement. If Judge Hollister refuses an injunction the postponement is not likely to be for more than one week and it may be only to the first of next week.

It is regarded as possible that the court may grant what is known as a modified injunction, which would be a restraining order against holding prize against a boxing contest, such as that that commodity.

The new bill was presented by Sen-days only and continue under the perator Snyder, who also introduced the mit of the mayor and under the advice measure which has been discarded, of counsel, holding that they were pro-senator Snyder's new bill provides cooding without any intention of vioceeding without any intention of vio-

lation of the law, and that it would be the mayor's part to see that the event did not violate his permit or the law. It is learned on good authority tonight that the decision of Judge Hotlister, on which he has been working since Monday, will be very e ao-

orate and unusually lengthy. It is announced that he will deliver it at il o'clock to-morrow morning. While there are reports about Gov-

rnor Nash having three or four regiments under marching orders, it is not believed here that any troops will reach the city this week at least. The members of the Saengerfest Athletic association, as well as the managers of the contestants, insist that they will not attempt to proceed if a permanent injunction is issued against them. and the general opinion is that such will be the rendering of the court. The promoters would then make no further effort to conduct the fight until after they had applied to the Circuit and Supreme courts, and if they are de-Postponement of the Fight-Opin- feated in the court of last resort, they state positively that they will declare the fight off. Meantime the prosecuting attorney and sheriff are vigilant and the former still has Jeffries and Ruhlin under bond on a charge of training for a prize fight. These cases will be called at once, if the injunction is not issued.

Jeffries and all the members of the large party that are with him at his training quarters came into the city tonight from Price Hill, and enjoyed a social session with the local and visiting sporting editors.

Manager Brady and his assistant were with them. Sporting editors will served in the Spanish-American war, return the visit tomorrow afternoon at the Jeffries training quarters after the decision has been rendered.

THEATRICAL.

ATTRACTIONS TODAY.

ACADEMY. - Sawtelle Dramatic company.

and night.

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Draws Large Audiences.

Sawtelle Demeatic company continues raw large crowds to the Academy The cold weather seems to be no obstacle to Academy patrons when a good attraction is of fered. This afternoon the strong sensational melo-drama, "The Victorian Cross," presented and tonight a play very similar Way Down East" will be the attraction, the title being "A Country Courtship." It is a beautiful rural drama with a strong plot, plenty of scenery is used in the production of play, and the use of many electric calcium lights serve to display the beautiful scenery in

"Shore Acres."

It is surprising what a fondness the average merican has for the seashore. Even in the back woods the dream of the native is that some day may see the broad Atlantic or Pactic ocean. There is something in the smell of the salt water that cheers and encourages humanity and James A. Herne, the actor-dramatist, must have thought of this when he fashioned that wondreful play of his "Shore Acres." Its scenes are all laid along the rock-bound coast of Maine and its haracters all breath the sturdiness and hardiness of their rugged environment.

Mr. Herne has made a study of his men and comen and he has delineated their idiocynerasies with a fidelity that would do credit to a Dickens or a Balzac. In many ways "Shore Acres" is the very best example we have yet had of the pastonal play and its success is well deserved. A line scenic production of the piece will be given at the Lyceum next Saturday. A special matinee will be given at 2.30 p. m. Pricos, 25 and 50 cents; children to any part of the house, 25 cents. Seats are now on sale.

Return of Mrs. Le Moyne.

No star of recent years has so quickly and so surely crept into the hearts of the theater goers as Sarah Cowell Le Moyne, who is now in her second season at the head of the com-pany appearing in Liebler & Company's beau tiful production, "The Greatest Tuing in the World." She comes to this city almost direct from Wallack's theater, New York city, where the played for several months to enormous bus

Now, with the unquestioned stamp of metro-solitan approval for star, play, production, and with practically the same magnificent east, the play is to be seen here—a veritable treat for those who leve the pure, wholesome and highly entertaining in stage depiction. The engage-ment will be for one night only, on Monday evening, Feb. 18.

Aid for Starving.

Shanghat, Feb. 13.-The governor of the province of Shen-Si is appealing for aid in behalf of 4,000,000 inhabitants of the famine stricted JONAS LONG'S SONS.

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